

HOUSE RESOLUTION 72

By Dixie

A RESOLUTION commending Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated, for its exceptional commitment to the educational and cultural development of youth, the cultivation of future leaders, and its celebration of Jack and Jill of America, Inc.'s Legislative day at the Capitol on April 13, 2023.

WHEREAS, Jack and Jill of America, Inc., is a nationally beloved and distinguished organization comprised of 262 chapters, across seven geographical regions, representing more than 50,000 families nationwide planning annual programming activities guided under a national theme, while instilling a legacy of leadership, development, volunteer service, philanthropic giving, and promotion of civic duty to effectuate positive change in the world; and

WHEREAS, the late Marion Stubbs Thomas founded Jack and Jill of America, Inc., on January 24, 1938, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, when twenty mothers gathered to create an organization of African-American mothers with children from the age of two to nineteen, to provide social, cultural, and educational opportunities for youth. Since its creation, Jack and Jill of America, Inc., has grown exponentially because more mothers with a shared passion for children and their communities have created chapters throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the Jack and Jill of America Foundation, Inc., is the philanthropic arm of Jack and Jill of America, Inc., and since its inception in 1968, the Foundation has distributed millions of dollars to communities all across America; and

WHEREAS, on April 13, 2023, Tennessee's six vibrant chapters, along with National President Kornisha McGill Brown, Regional Director Darlene McGhee Whittington, and Southeastern Regional Legislative Chair Dee Dawkins-Haigler, traveled to the Tennessee State

Capitol for Jack and Jill of America Inc.'s Legislative Day at the Capitol to educate themselves and advocate for children; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's chapters boast impressive leadership with President Courtney L. Woods in the Nashville Chapter, the first chapter of the Southeastern Region, with President Tanya Mahlahla of the Chattanooga Chapter, with President Kimberly Hicks of the Jackson Chapter, with President Syreeta Vaughn of the Knoxville Chapter, with President Tracy McGee of the Memphis Chapter, and with President Lori Breaux-Mitchell of the Williamson County Chapter; and

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives is proud to celebrate exceptional organizations, especially those such as Jack and Jill of America, Inc., whose extraordinary community service brings honor to the State of Tennessee and improves the lives of future generations of Tennesseans; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we do hereby commend Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated, for its exceptional commitment to the educational and cultural development of youth, its cultivation of future leaders, and its celebration of Legislative Day at the Capitol on April 13, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.